Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

CARREA CHRISTOPHER,	) NO. 2:17-CV-738-RSL
Plaintiff,	<ul><li>) PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO</li><li>) COMPEL DISCOVERY</li><li>) RESPONSES</li></ul>
v.	)
FORD MOTOR COMPANY	,)
Defendants.	), ) _)

Plaintiff, Carrea Christopher, Motion to Compel Discovery Responses as follow:

Plaintiff, Carrea Christopjher, seeks an order compelling defendant, Ford Motor Company to provide complete discovery request. The defendants Ford motor Company responses were PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES CARREA CHRISTOPHER P.O. BOX 741272

P.O. BOX 741272 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92174 TELEPHONE (619)822-7392 Due over four months ago, and Plaintiff, Carrea Christopher, has identified the deficiencies over four months. To date, Ford Motor Company has Provided only a small fraction of the required documents and information responsive to Carrea's request, and despite repeated assurances that a response was forthcoming, Ford has failed to respond Carrea's request to correct the deficiencies or to respond in any meaningful way to the majority of Carrea's requests. Carrea is prejudiced by Ford's failure to cooperate in discovery because Ford has exclusive control of all of the information on which Carrea's claims depend.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b) provides that" [p]arties may obtain discovery regarding matter that is relevant to any partys claim or defense....relevant information need not be admissible at the trial if the discovery appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence." The ninth circuit is not the only circuit that believes the standard for relevance is broad at the discovery stage. U.S. ex rel Pogue v. Diabetes Treatment Ctrs. Of Am., 235 F.R.D. 521, 525 (D.D.C. 2006). A party may move to compel discovery provided that he or she "has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make disclosure or discovery in an effort to obtain it without court action. Fed.R. Civ. P. 37(a)(1). This court considers the prior efforts of the parties to resolve the **PAGE TWO** 

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dispute, the relevance of the information sought, and the limits imposed BY Rule 26(b)(2)(c)."Barnes v. D.C., 289 F.R.D. 1 2 (citing Oppenheimer fund v. Sanders, 437 U.S. 340, 350-52 3 (1978) Rule 26(b)(2) excempts information from discovery 4 where the court determines that: "(i) the 5 sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, or can 6 obtained from some other source that is more convenient, less 7 burdensome, or less exspensive: (ii) the party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity to obtain the information by discovery in the action: or (iii) the burden or exspense of the 10 proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit...." 11

The defendants are outside of all exemption criteria.

#### **ARGUMENT**

The Court should (1) compel Ford Motor Company, to provide complete responses to Carrea's document request and interrogatories: (2) declare that Ford Motor Company, objections on all grounds other than privileged have been waived by its failure to respond timely to Carrea's discovery request; (3) find that Ford Motor Company, vague assertions of privilege or their concerns cannot overcome Carrea's right to obtain information directly relevant to his claims; (4) order Ford Motor Company to comply with the requirements of Rules 33, which requires responses, and (5) order Ford Motor Company to pay Carrea's his

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Reasonable exspenses in connection with this motion pursuant to Rule 37.

I. The Court should Order Ford Motor Company to provide full responses to Carrea's discovery Request within 14 Days because no Good Cause Exist for Ford Motor Company, delay and Ford Motor Company Objection have been waived.

Carrea's discovery requests seek information that is Directly relevant to Carrea's claims, is in Ford Motor Company exclusive possession, and is unavailable to Carrea through discovery of any other source. Ford's responses to date are incomplete, and Ford has no valid excuse for its failure to cooperate in discovery. Carrea has made detailed request on many occasions over approximately four months period. Carrea's efforts to date have failed to elicit a response to the deficiency correction request, and Ford's discovery responses remain inadequate. Thus, Carrea has done all he can to resolve or narrow the discovery issues, and Court action is necessary to compel Ford's cooperation in discovery.

Moreover, because Ford's discovery responses were untimely, its objection to the requests and interrogatories are waived. See Caudle, 263 F.R.D. at 33. Ford never sought an extension of its deadline to respond and never provided an explanation to Carrea why its discovery responses were late. To

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date, Ford has not attempted to justify its delay in responding, much less provided good cause for delay.

Accordingly, the Court should order that Ford's general and specific objections to Carrea's discovery requests, to the extent that those objections do not assert privilege, are waived and order Ford to provide complete responses within 14 days. The Plaintiff, Carrea has agreed to pay for the cost of

duplicating cd"s of responses and answers.

II. The following simple request and responses had failures and disappointments in the following manner.

#### **INTERROGATORY NO.2:**

Please state your argument for and/or against the Federal Government Recall

(NHSTA [sic]) National Highway Safety Transportation Agency, Recall of the 2006 Ford Ranger Defaults.

ANSWER: Ford does not have an argument for or against" recalls. Ford refers Plaintiff to

its response to NHTSA General Order PE14-016, and the documents Ford provided to NHTSA

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1	in connection with its response, which Ford will produce.
2	Beyond this, Ford objects to the word "recall" because it is
3	vague, undefined and
4	subject to multiple interpretations. Ford objects to providin
5	information concerning recalls
6	that are not applicable to the driver's front airbag in the
7	subject vehicle. In addition, Ford
8	objects to this Interrogatory because it is overly broad and
	seeks irrelevant information,
9	particularly as it is not limited to the component at issue in
10	this case, or to a reasonable or
11	relevant time frame. Ford also objects to this Interrogatory
12	seeking "Ford's argument for
13	and/or against" NHTSA recalls because it is vague and
14	confusing and seeks irrelevant
15	information that has no bearing on the adequacy of the
16	design and performance of the front
17	airbag supplemental restraint system in 2004-2006 Ford
18	Ranger and Mazda B-Series pickup
	trucks, or to any party's claims or defenses in this case.
19	Ford's position either in support of or
20	against any recall, if any, is irrelevant to any liability or
21	damages issues in this case. Ford
22	further objects to this Interrogatory because it seeks work
23	undertaken in anticipation of
24	litigation or for trial or at the direction of counsel, or other
25	information protected by the
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1 2 3 4 5 6	attorney-client privilege and/or the w particularly as Ford's investigation of the incident is ongoing and such in the legal strategies or mental impressions of Ford's outside counsel General Counsel.	formation would revea
7 8 9 10 11	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL NO 2: Plaintiff requested only the reast the imposition of NHSTA inquiry and a Ford Ranger. The answer is in there cust they refused to answer, instead giving a the interrogatory.	sons Ford fought against examination of the 2006 stody and knowledge but
13 14 15 16 17 18	INTERROGATORY NO.3: Are you responsible for making, crea and the assembly of Ford 2004-2007 Ranger. ANSWER: Ford is responsible for su	
19 20 21 22 23 24	overall vehicle integration. Ford designed and manufactured, in part, 2004-2006 Ford Ranger pickup trucks, with certain components and Ford by its suppliers.  V/ith regard to the subject vehicle, Feassembly of the subject 2006	and finally assembled, systems provided to
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1 2	Ford Ranger on or about January 4,2 Cities Plant in St. Paul, Minnesota.	2006, at Ford's Twin
3	Ford shipped the subject vehicle to F	ord of Kirkland in
4	Kirkland, V/ashington, on January 4	
5	2006. Ford refers Plaintiff to the Min	
6	Information report for the subject	
7	2006 Ford Ranger, VIN 1FTYR14U3	6P458597, that Ford
8	offered to produce in connection	
9	with its Initial Disclosures.	
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11	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL	
12	NO 3: Plaintiff requested only the did Ford Ranger. The answer in part should	
13	or didn't you. Is it your product. The a	
14	and knowledge but they refused to answ	
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17	INTERROGATORY NO. 5:	
18	Please identify the individuals that an	rgued in behalf of Ford
19	to (NHSTA), and their	
20	addresses, phone numbers and email	
21	ANSWER: Ford refers Plaintiff to th	e people identified in its
22	response to General Order PE14-	
23	016, which Ford offered to produce in	n its Answer to
24	Interrogatory No. 2.	
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1	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL	OF INTERROGATORY
2	NO 5: The defendants, Ford did not pro	
3	names, addresses and numbers, which d	
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5	INTERROGATORY NO. 6:	
6	Have you shown remorse for the inju	ries and death of those
7	due to the airbag explosion	
8	of the Ford Ranger, and if so give sor	
9	ANSWER: Ford objects to this Inter-	rogatory because it is
	argumentative and misleading,	
10	particularly as it implies that Ford ve	ehicles are defective or
11	dangerous, which Ford denies.	
12	Ford further objects to this Interroga	•
13	irrelevant and subjective information	
14	that has no bearing on the design and	l performance of the
15	front airbag supplemental restraint	
16	system in2004-2006 Ford Ranger and	
17	pickup trucks and is intended merely	7
18	to harass Ford.	
19	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL	OF INITED DOGATODY
20	NO 6: Fords, vehicles, have murdered i	
21	Carrea. Have they shown remorse shou	
22	answer for rational parties.	ia be simple, yes of no to
23	parties.	
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#### INTERROGATORY NO. 7: How much did Ford spend yearly in advertisement of their 2 products from 2014-2017. ANSWER: Ford objects to this Interrogatory because it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and seeks irrelevant information that has no bearing on the design and performance of the front airbag supplemental restraint system in 2004-2006 Ford Ranger and Mazda B-Series pickup trucks. Ford conducts or purchases three tiers of 10 advertising: Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3. Tier I advertising relates to national advertising. Ford designs and 11 directs the substance of 12 advertising for Ford vehicles in nationally based television, 13 print and online media. Ford 14 contracts with a national advertising agency who 15 participates in Ford advertising. In addition, 16 Ford may, at times, contract with a separate agency for a 17 specific project, such as development 18 and printing of brochures on a particular product. Tier 2 19 advertising relates to regional marketing through the use of regional dealer advertising 20 groups known as Ford Dealer 21 Advertising Funds ("FDAFs"). Regional advertising is directed by approximately thirty-seven 23 different FDAFs. FDAFs are run by boards composed of representatives from independently 25 **PAGE TEN** 26 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES CARREA CHRISTOPHER 27 P.O. BOX 741272 28

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1	owned and operated Ford dealership	s. While Ford may
2	provide some creative content for the	ir
3	use, FDAFs decide which advertiseme	ents to run in their
4	particular regions. Tier 3 advertising	
5	relates to dealership advertising. Dea	lerships may create
6	their own advertisements. Ford will	
7	or may reimburse dealerships for a c	ertain amount of Tier 3
8	advertising through a Dealership	
ا	Co-Op Program. Therefore, it would	be extremely
- 1	burdensome for Ford to attempt to	
10	differentiate and quantify these costs	with any level of
11	accuracy.	
	Ford also objects to this Interrogator	y because it is not
13	limited to the front airbag	
14	supplemental restraint system or the	subject vehicle at issue
15	in this case, or its related program,	
16	or to a reasonable or relevant time fr	ame. In addition,
17	Plaintiff has not identified how or wh	n <b>y</b>
18	the amount of money Ford spent adv	ertising all of its
	products, over a four-year period nea	•
19	ten years after the subject vehicle wa	s designed, developed
20	and produced, could be of probative	
21	value or how it is even remotely relat	ed to the claims or
22	defenses in this case. Ford further	
23	objects to this Interrogatory because	it seeks information
24	that may not be kept in Ford's	
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ordinary course of business and/or is not in Ford's possession, custody, or control.

PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL OF INTERROGATORY NO 7: Carrea, did not ask for how much local dealers advertised. Ford Motor Company had an obligation to notify drivers of the danger. How much did they spend doing that as opposed to how much they spent advertising the sale of vehicles is prima facie evidence. Very relevant. The fact you have the three tiers in your possession as acknowledged in your custody, the production should'nt be difficult or problematic.

### **INTERROGATORY NO. 8:**

- How much did you spend notifying the general public of the recall and the dangers
- (sic) of driving the Ford Ranger in the years of 2014-2017.
- ANSWER: Ford refers Plaintiff to the VIN Field Service Action ("FSA") Details report in
- the Vehicle Information Report for the subject 2006 Ford Ranger, VIN
- IFTYR14U36PA58597, that Ford offered to produce in connection with its Initial Disclosures.
- The VIN FSA Details report will show the recall history for the subject vehicle, including
- details of the mailings provided by Ford to the registered PAGE TWELVE

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1	owner(s) of the subject vehicle.
2	Beyond this, Ford objects to the phrase oothe recall"
3	because it is vague, undefined and
4	subject to multiple interpretations. Ford objects to providing
5	information concerning recalls
6	that are not applicable to the driver's front airbag in the
7	subject vehicle. In addition, Ford
8	objects to this Interrogatory as written because it is overly
9	broad and seeks irrelevant
10	information, particularly as it is not limited to the
	component at issue in this case, or to a
11	reasonable or relevant time frame. Ford also objects to this
12	Interrogatory seeking how much
13	Ford spent notifying the public of the recall because it seeks
14	irrelevant information that has no
15	Bearing on the adequacy of the design and performance of
16	the front airbag supplemental
17	Restraint system in 2004-2006 Ford Ranger and Mazda B-
18	Series pickup trucks.
19	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL OF INTERROGATORY
20	NO 8: It is in the custody, tenure and possession of Ford,
21	whether they notified the general public or not and to what
22	extent and magnitude. Again, Ford does a song and dance
23	around the simple Interrogatory.
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1	INTERROGATORY NO.9:	
2	Is it necessary, essential and obligatory to warn, caution	ı and
3	notify the general public	
4	of the dangers of the airbag and what mesures (sic) if a	ny
5	did you make to forewarn the general	
6	public.	
7	ANSWER: With regard to safety-related defects, Ford	
8	complies with United States law,	
	including Title 49 of the United States Code, Chapter 3	01,
9	and supporting federal regulations,	
10	in handling and reporting safety-related defects. With	
11	respect to Ford's procedures related to	
12	notification of owners of vehicles subject to recalls, For	d
13	complies with all applicable laws and	
14	regulations, including those outlined in 49 CFR \$ 573 e	t seq.
15	and 49 CFR ¢ 577 et seq. These	
16	re gulations are publicly available, including at https:	
17	i/www. gpo. gov.	
18	Beyond this, Ford objects to the phrase "necessary, esse	entia
	and obligatory to warn,	
19	caution and notify the general public of the dangers of	the
20	airbag" because it is vague,	
21	undefined and subject to multiple interpretations. This	
22	phrase is also argumentative and	
23	misleading, particularly as it implies that Ford vehicles	are
24	defective or dangerous, which Ford	
25	denies. In addition, Ford objects to this Interrogatory	
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1	because it is overly broad and seeks
2	irrelevant information, particularly as it is not limited to the
3	front airbag supplemental restraint
4	system or the subject vehicle at issue in this case, or its
5	related program, or to a reasonable or
6	relevant time frame. Ford also objects to this Interrogatory
7	because it seeks irrelevant
8	information that has no bearing on the adequacy of the
9	design and performance of the front
	airbag supplemental restraint system in2004-2006 Ford
10	Ranger and Mazda B-series pickup
11	trucks. Ford further objects to this Interrogatory because it
12	seeks work undertaken in
13	anticipation of litigation or for trial or at the direction of
14	counsel, or other information protected
15	By the attorney-client privilege and/or the work product
16	doctrine, particularly as Ford's
17	Investigation of the incident is ongoing and such information
18	would reveal the legal strategies
19	Or mental impressions of Ford's outside counsel or Ford's
	Office of the General Counsel.
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21	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL OF INTERROGATORY
22	NO 9: The Interrogatory is simple. Do you or do you not feel it
23	is essential, and needed, to notify the general public of dangers.
24	Do you have to be ordered to?
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1	INTERROGATORY NO. 12 (sic):	
2	Should a manufacture (sic) be respon	sible for his product
3	and why.	
4	ANSWER: Ford objects to this Inter-	rogatory because it
5	seeks information that is not relevant	
6	to any party's claim or defense and is	not proportional to the
7	needs of the case. Ford's position	
8	on whether a manufacturer should	
9	be responsible for [its] product" l	
	the claims or defenses in this case. Li	ability issues in this
10	case will be determined by applicable	
11	law, not Ford's position on the prope	r bounds of a
12	manufacturer's liability.	
13	without waiving any objections, Ford	denies that it is liable
14	to Plaintiff in this case.	
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16	PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL	
17	NO 12:The Interrogatory is very releva	
18	responsible for what they produce goes	to culpability and the
19	need to be or not to be responsible.	
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21	INTERDOCATORY NO. 12.	
	INTERROGATORY NO. 13:	so to the previous
22	To the extent not answered in respon	se to the previous
23	interrogatory, please give all	f the plaintiff
24	defenses that relate to your defense o	i the plaintill
25	allegations. PAGE SIXTER	T NI
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1 ANSWER: Ford refers Plaintiff to the defenses listed in Ford's Answer to Plaintifls Second 3 Amended Complaint, which was filed with the Court on September 13, 2018 (Dkt. #66, at 12-15). Ford reserves the right to add defenses that it deems necessary to its defense or upon the conclusion of investigation and discovery. 8 PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL OF INTERROGATORY 10 NO 13:What is Ford's argument is relevant. 11 12 13 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 15 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTTON NO. 1:** 16 Please produce all documents that you referred to or were 17 identified in your answer to 18 the above interrogatories. 19 RESPONSE: Ford states that to the extent Ford referenced a specific document in its Answers 20 to Plaintiffls Interrogatories above, Ford will agree to 21 produce such document, if it hasn't 22 already been produced to Plaintiff in this matter, and, if 23 necessary, once an appropriate 24 protective order is entered with the Court. 25 **PAGE SEVENTEEN** 26 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES CARREA CHRISTOPHER 27 NO. 2:17-CV-738-RSL P.O. BOX 741272 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92174 28 TELEPHONE (619)822-7392

1	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTTON NO. 3:
2	Please produce a list of all individuals that died and/or was
3	hurt from the Ford ranger
4	airbag that you have.
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6	RESPONSE: Lawsuits and claims filed or asserted against
7	Ford often fail to clearly state the
8	basis for a claim, to specify the nature of the accident, or to
9	clearly identify the alleged product
1	defect. Furthermore, facts and circumstances surrounding
10	other incidents are substantially
11	dissimilar to those involved in the subject lawsuit.
12	Notwithstanding, Ford will produce:
13	A list of lawsuits received by Ford's Office of the General
14	Counsel as of October 31,
15	2018, that could reasonably be identified as containing
16	allegations of injury or death
17	related to the front airbag supplemental restraint system in
	2004-2006 Ford Ranger and
18	Mazda B-Series pickup trucks. Ford's list will contain, if
19	available, the file name,
20	incident date, file status (i.e., pending or closed), Plaintiff(s)
21	attorney's name, and
22	model/model year of vehicle; and
23	A list of non-litigated claims received by Ford's Office of the
24	General Counsel as of
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1	October 31,2018, that could reasonably be identified as		
2	containing allegations of injury		
3	or death related to the front airbag supplemental restraint		
4	system in 2004-2006 Ford		
5	Ranger and Mazda B-Series pickup trucks. Ford's list will		
6	contain, if available, the file		
7	name, incident date, file status (i.e., pending or closed),		
8	Claimant(s)' attorney's name,		
	and model/model year of vehicle.		
9	The foregoing lawsuits and claims may include information		
10	relating to issues other than		
11	those that Plaintiff contends have manifested themselves in		
12	the subject vehicle, but because		
13	concerns such as those asserted by Plaintiff cannot always b		
14	readily segregated from other		
15	related concerns, the documents provided by Ford will, to		
16	some degree, unavoidably be over-		
17	inclusive or duplicative.		
18	To the extent Plaintiff seeks information relating to defect		
	investigations or consumer		
19	complaints (Vehicle Owner Questionnaires) initiated or		
20	received by the Office of Defect		
21	Investigations (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety		
22	Administration ("NHTSA"),		
23	regarding 2004-2006 Ford Ranger and Mazda B-Series		
24	pickup trucks, these materials are in		
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1	the public domain, and equally available to Plaintiff as to
2	Ford at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov. The
3	search engine allows searches of safety-related recalls,
4	investigations and complaints about
5	motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment by make, mode
6	and year. Because this data
7	originates from the NHTSA, Ford cannot confirm its
8	accuracy or completeness, but
9	nevertheless hereby identifies its existence in the interests of
	full disclosure. Ford also refers
10	Plaintiff to the "Problems and Issues" link on the NHTSA
11	website, www.nhtsa.dot.gov.
12	Documents associated with consumer complaints may be
13	ordered from NHTSA Technical
14	Information Services. By providing any of the information
15	above, Ford does not stipulate or
16	otherwise concede that these incidents are similar, relevant,
17	or admissible.
18	Beyond this, Ford objects to this Request because it is overly
19	broad, unduly
	burdensome, and seeks irrelevant information. First, this
20	Request is not limited to a reasonable
21	or relevant time frame. Second, lawsuits and claims asserted
22	against Ford often fail to clearly
23	state the basis for a claim, to specify the nature of the
24	accident, or to clearly identiff the alleged
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1	product defect. Also, the facts and circumstances
2	surrounding other accidents, alleged injuries,
3	incidents or complaints vary depending on loading weight
4	and position, number of passengers,
5	magnitude and direction of impact, occupant size, position o
6	occupant, speed of the vehicle,
7	actions of the driver, road conditions, vehicle condition and
8	environmental factors. Therefore,
	this information is irrelevant to what allegedly occurred in
9	the subject accident. Third, there
10	has been no showing of substantial similarity between the
11	subject accident and other incidents
12	that gave rise to a lawsuit or claim.
13	Finally, Ford objects to this Request because it could be
14	interpreted to seek work
15	undertaken in anticipation of litigation or for trial or at the
16	direction of counsel, or other
17	information protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or
18	the work product doctrine,
	particularly as Ford's investigation of the incident is ongoing
19	and such information would
20	reveal the legal strategies or mental impressions of Ford's
21	outside counsel or Ford's Office of
22	the General Counsel.
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#### 1 PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL PRODUCTION NO 3: Ford has had over 5,000 cases in recent history they however submitted less then 100 3 4 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTTON NO. 4:** 5 Please produce authorization for release of all documents 6 from all agencies (sic) and 7 Ford for records of investigation, research and data of the 8 subject vehicle of this case. (2006 (sic). 10 11 **RESPONSE:** Ford searched for but did not locate a claim file relative to the alleged incident. 12 However, Ford will make available for inspection and 13 copying at a mutually agreeable time any non-privileged business records related to this lawsuit or 15 the alleged incident that it 16 receives pursuant to Plaintiff's authorization in this case. 17 Beyond this, Ford objects to this Request because it is vague, 18 undefined, subject to 19 multiple interpretations and does not make sense as written. Ford also objects to this Request 20 because it is overly broad and seeks information and 21 documents that may not be kept in Ford's 22 ordinary course of business and or are outside of Ford's 23 possession, custody, or control, 24 25 PAGE TWENTY THREE 26 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES CARREA CHRISTOPHER 27 NO. 2:17-CV-738-RSL P.O. BOX 741272 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92174 28 TELEPHONE (619)822-7392

1 including documents and information over which Plaintiff 2 has an equal or superior right of control. 3 4 PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL PRODUCTION NO 4: 5 Ford has not allowed Carrea to come in the office to review the 6 documents. Ford's counsel has promised to send cd and bill 7 Carrea but has not as of todays date. 8 9 10 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:** To the extent not produced in response to the previous 11 request, please product (sic) all 12 documents that relate to your defense of the plaintiff 13 allegations. 14 15 **RESPONSE:** Ford refers Plaintiff to the materials produced 16 in the previously exchanged 17 Initial Disclosure and in response to these discovery 18 requests. Investigation and discovery are 19 ongoing, and Ford reserves the right to supplement this response. objects to providing information conceming other 20 recalls that are 21 not applicable to the driver's front airbag in the subject vehicle. 23 24 25 **PAGE TWENTY FOUR** 26 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES CARREA CHRISTOPHER 27 NO. 2:17-CV-738-RSL P.O. BOX 741272 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92174 28 TELEPHONE (619)822-7392

PLAINTIFF REASONS TO COMPEL PRODUCTION NO 5: Ford continues to do a song and dance around request. Carrea

has not requested info about other vehicles in Request 5. Ford excuses are unacceptable and intolerable.

# III. Carrea is entitled to his reasonable Exspenses, including this Motion.

Rule 37 (a)(5)(a) provides that upon granting a motion Compel discovery, the court "must ... require the party ... whose conduct necessitated the motion ... to pay movant's reasonable exspenses incurred in making the motion, including attorney's fees. Carrea request that he be allowed to submit documentation of the cost due to this motion should this court grant his motion to compel.

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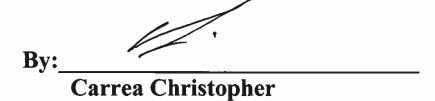
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## **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, this Court should grant plaintiff's motion to compel discovery.

Dated: may 1, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

The undersigned certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws, that on the 1 day of May, 2019, I caysaed to be served in the manner of cm/ecf a copy of the within and foregoing document upon the following persons:

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